## Schools Open - Drive Safely

RICHMOND - With the beginning of a new school year motorists are reminded to stop for school buses and reduce their speed when driving near schools and bus stops.

"The safety of students traveling to and from school should be the concern of every motorist. Waiting patiently for a stopped school bus and observing the 25 m.p.h. speed limit in school zones are two important ways motorists can prevent injuries and fatalities," said John T. Hanna, director, Highway Safety Division of Virginia.

Drivers must stop when approaching a school bus with flashing signals and stopped to load or unload children. When highways are separated by physical barriers or unpaved median areas, the driver on the separated roadway is not required to stop for a school bus located on the other side of the barrier. However, before moving on motorists should always be certain children are clear of the road way.

"Last year 203 people died on Virginia's highways during August and September, traditionally the two 'back to school' months. Often students by their own careless actions contribute to the high fatality period. A student may be late for the bus, dart across the road and fail to see a moving vehicle. Motorists need to be prepared for the unexpected and the unpredictable behavior of children by slowing down and driving with caution," said Hanna.

The safety official offered the following safety tips for motorists traveling near school areas and bus stops:

* Avoid being late for work and "pushing" your speed when driving through school zones. Rushing can be dangerous and cause accidents. Allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
* When driving between 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. use expressways and major highways if possible instead of residential streets. School buses usually travel on residential streets during these hours.
* Always yield the right-of way to pedestrians.
* When approaching an intersection or bus stop where school children may be waiting, take your foot off the accelerator and place it over the brake pedal to give yourself that extra split second of reaction time for emergencies.

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### FIGURES CONFIRM JUNE DISAPPOINTING FOR VIRGINIA TRAVEL

While Virginia travel attractions are having a relatively good year, a disappointing attendance trend in June has thrown a definite monkey wrench in the works. This information comes from statistics supplied to the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce by 35 of Virginia's top travel destinations for the month of June.

The Chamber's monthly "Travel Barometer" shows that 16 attractions had less attendance in June than they did in the same month in 1975, 14 reported increases, and 5 were approximately even. With a few notable exceptions, those which did gain did so only slightly.

Part of the blame for June's poor showing has been laid to projections by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, U. S. Travel Date Center and others, which indicated huge numbers of vacationers would visit East Coast travel destinations before and during the Fourth of July weekend. Experts in Virginia and elsewhere felt that the widely-publicized crowd predictions caused a "Bicentennial Backlash," mainly a fear of overcrowding, that kept travelers at home. The great number of local festivals available was also a factor in keeping people in their own communities during the July 4th celebration.

Attendance totals for the first half of the year are more encouraging. Despite the poor showing in June, 26 of the 35 stations reporting were ahead for the year-to-date, one was even, and only 8 were behind. Early reports coming in on July attendance figures would seem to indicate a return of the upward trend following the slow Independence Day week .

### Coggin To Speak At Southeastern

Mr. Richard H. Cross, Chief of the Game DIvision, Virginia Commission of Game andInland Fisheries, has announced that Game Biogolist Supervisor Joe L. Coggin will present an important paper at the upcoming meeting of the Southeastern Association of Game andFish Cmmissiners. Mr. Coggin's paper, which is entitled "Estimating Time of Death in White Tail Deer as an Aid to Wildlife Law Enforcement." represents what many consider to be a significant advance in the potential for more efficient wildlife law enforcement. As the title indicates, Mr. Coggin's work involves a new and highly accurate method of finding the length of time a deer has been dead. It is interesting to note that the methods Mr. Coggin and others have evolved are not just laboratory techniques, but practical methods and tools that can be used in the field by law enforcement personnel.

The Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners will meet at Jackson, Mississippi in October 1976.


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